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Utility Patent
Ser. No 10/033,862

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pat YANANTON)
 Serial No.: 10/033,862)
 Filed: 12/20/2001)
 Title: Absorbent Pad for Entrapping Fine)
 and Coarse Particles, Retaining)
 Liquids, and Eliminating Odors)

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DECLARATION OF GARY G. ORTON UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

Now comes declarant and states and declares the following:

1. I am currently the Plant Manager for the Felters Group in Gaffney, South Carolina with responsibility for all operatics of a Needlepunch Nonwovens plant
2. That I also have other experience as shown in the attached Curriculum Vitae, which is referenced as if fully restated herein.

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3. That I am familiar with the invention described in the Butterworth et al. patent, and have reviewed and understand the present invention.
4. I feel that there are significant differences in the problems being attacked by the present invention, and those attacked by the Butterworth invention. In my opinion, the Butterworth patent and the present patent application use a similar process in the formation of an airlaid bat, but the finished product, the process of achieving the finished product and the application of the finished product are completely different.
5. The combination of high loft fibers, particle entrapping tackifiers, and backing would not be considered "ordinary skill in the art". The Butterworth structure could not be used to attain the functionality as described by the present invention.
6. I feel that these functional differences are major and significant, such as to make the Butterworth device completely different art from the present invention.
7. In addition, there are many other functional and structural difference between the present invention and that described in Butterworth; particularly: cling agent charged into preformed web; reactive particles attached to cling agent; and reactive particles loaded into web; and additional agents loaded into web. Additionally, many other differences exist as well.
8. I feel the present invention embodies non-obvious differences over anything currently described or claimed in the Butterworth patent.
9. I feel the present invention embodies non-obvious differences over anything currently offered within the industry or anything currently described or claimed in the

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Butterworth patent.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAITH NAUGHT.



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